



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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### New Information in Blue Text

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| <b>Event Name</b>         | 22-0010 Severe Weather 21MAR                               |
| <b>Date</b>               | <a href="#">March 29, 2022</a>                             |
| <b>Time</b>               | 9:00 AM  |
| <b>Operational Period</b> | <a href="#">8:00 AM March 28 to 8:00 AM March 29, 2022</a> |
| <b>Report Number</b>      | 8  |

| Regions Affected            |             |
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| <b>DPS Regions Affected</b> | 1, 2, 5, 6  |
| <b>DDCs Active</b>          | 6, 16D & 22 |

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** Damage assessments are currently on going through out the regions that were affected by the tornadoes and high winds that impacted the state on March 21. To date, a total of nine (9) EF-0 tornadoes, 15 EF-1 tornadoes, eight (8) EF-2 tornadoes and one (1) EF-3 tornadoes have been confirmed in Texas by the National Weather Service bringing the total to 33. There are two more sites that have yet to be confirmed. [The state of Texas has started to receive individual State of Texas Assessment Tool \(iSTAT\) surveys from the counties affected by the severe weather. As of March 28, there have been 1,518 reported.](#)

On March 22, 2022, Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration for the following counties: Bastrop, Cass, Cooke, Grayson, Guadalupe, Houston, Jack, Madison, Marion, Montague, Nacogdoches, Panola, Rusk, Upshur, Williamson, and Wise.

On March 21, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to mobilize state resources in anticipation of severe weather and flash flooding that is expected to impact areas of Texas beginning Monday afternoon into the early morning hours of Tuesday. Threats from the severe storms moving across Central, North, and East Texas could bring large hail, damaging winds, flash flooding, and the potential for tornadoes. Additionally, the state continues to support firefighting efforts in response to wildfires across Texas.

The following state assets have been mobilized in support of the severe weather response:

- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service - Texas A&M Task Force One and Texas Task Force Two (TX-TF1 & 2): Two Urban Search and Rescue Teams and four Swiftwater Boat Squads
- Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): Saw crews on standby
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): Texas Game Warden Swiftwater Boat Rescue Teams
- Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Severe Weather Packages.

### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response and recovery.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

### **Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)**

**DDC 4 – Hurst** (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties)

**Denton County:** Tornado touched down near the City of Carrollton. [iSTAT – 2 Submitted](#)

**Tarrant County:** Tarrant County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) on March 23 and updated DSO on March 24. [iSTAT – 5 Submitted](#)

**DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant** (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

**Cass County:** Cass County submitted a Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Declaration on March 22. [iSTAT – 28 Submitted](#)

**DDC 6 – Tyler** (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties)

DDC 6 moved to Level III (increased readiness) for severe weather and winter weather. Assisting local jurisdictions with damage assessments, DSO's, Debris clearance, iSTAT, Public State of Texas assessment Tool (pSTAT), and educating on the documentation process, long term recovery, VOADs, etc. EMCs are processing assessment numbers and setting processes for recovery in place. Assisting jurisdictions in identifying appropriate areas for joint PDAs.

**Marion County:** Lake of the Pines: Reported RV trailers overturned near City of Gilmer. Marion County submitted a Disaster Declaration and Disaster Summary Outline on March 22. Select areas in Marion County still have lines down in trees. Awaiting the Upshur Rural Coop to make their way to them. [iSTAT – 7 Submitted](#)

**Panola County:** Panola has spotty outages to due downed lines/poles that still need repair. Panola County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 23. Panola County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 25. [iSTAT – 8 Submitted](#)

**Rusk County:** Rusk County EOC is activated to Level II. Rusk County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 22. US 84 in Rusk County is not closed, but Caution signage posted by TxDOT due to utility repair vehicles and personnel in the area. Rusk County has a major transmission line down across US 84 causing large pockets of outages, there is no estimated time of restoration for repairs. Rusk County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 25. [iSTAT – 13 Submitted](#)

**Smith County:** Smith County ESD #2 EOC is activated to Level III. City of Whitehouse EOC is activated to Level III.

**Upshur County:** Upshur County submitted a Disaster Declaration and Disaster Summary Outline on March 22. Upshur Rural Coop is working in Upshur County to restore service, but still have remaining pockets due to extent of damage to power lines/poles.

[iSTAT – 85 Submitted](#)

**DDC 22 – Sherman** (Includes: Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties)

The DDC EOC is activated at Level III.

**Cooke County:** Tornado touched down near the City of Gainesville in Cooke County. Cooke County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) on March 21 and updated DSO on March 22. Cooke County submitted a Disaster Declaration and Letter to the Governor for Assistance on March 22. Cooke County EOC is at Level

II. Cooke County had four homes destroyed and one business with major damage. Cooke County submitted an updated Disaster Summary Outline on March 25. [iSTAT – 13 Submitted](#)

**Grayson County:** The Grayson County EOC is activated at Level I. Grayson County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) on March 23 and updated DSO on March 24. Grayson County submitted a Disaster Declaration and Letter to the Governor for Assistance on March 25. Tornado touched down near the City of Gordonville. Tornado touched down near the City of Sherwood Shores. A fatality has been reported in the community of Sherwood Shores in Grayson County.

TX-TF2 completed Search and Rescue of the community and performed damage assessments on the structures. Of the 109 properties assessed, 53 were determined to be destroyed, 27 had major damage, nine had minor damage and 20 were unaffected. [iSTAT – 173 Submitted](#)

Grayson Disaster Relief cash donations will be collected by United Way as fiscal agent for the benefit of local storm impacted residents and first responding agencies. Text "gctv" to 313131 to make a donation today. Collections of items and goods cannot be managed by the impacted areas at this time.

**Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)**

**DDC 13 – Bryan** (Includes: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington Counties)

**Brazos County:** Tornado touched down Southwest of College Station in Brazos County.

**Madison County:** The City of Madisonville submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 22. Recovery efforts are underway in the city of Madisonville and Madison County after the National Weather Service confirmed the tornado on Monday night as an EF1 with winds of 105 miles per hour.

Currently VOAD partners, American Red Cross in partnership with United Way have established a multi-agency resource center distributing food, clothing, and some housing.

Delivery of ice and water occurred and the Madisonville Volunteer Fire Department to opened and operated the POD site for the affected city residents. The city of

Madisonville is working with Brazos County Food Bank to receive food for city residents that are without electricity.

A mutual aid agreement was utilized with Harris County OEM to obtain and deliver a generator to support the county and city radio communications due to the power outage.

Due to severe damage to the two facilities and no electrical power, (EMTF) Emergency Medical Task Force 7 and the Bryan College Station AMBUS along an ambulance strike team, evacuated and transported 89 residents or patients that were transported to sister facilities in Bryan College Station and Navasota.

The city of Madisonville and Madison County with continued cooperation have established two Debris Removal sites. Debris removal is underway and instructions for residents has been issued. Madisonville Public Works Department is overseeing the Debris Management of the two sites.

Individual Assistance damage assessments are ongoing. Current numbers for homes: 9 Major, 20 minor, and 8 businesses. TDEM Region Two Recovery Coordinators arrived Tuesday and will assist the city capture costs, DSO reporting, and provide guidance on iSTAT and pSTAT tools. [iSTAT – 91 Submitted](#)

Madison County and the city of Madisonville continue with their recovery efforts. TDEM has co-located in the Madison County EOC to support both the jurisdictions.

Madisonville submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 26.

**DDC 14 – Lufkin** (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties)

Recovery efforts continue in both areas, to include volunteers assisting homeowners with inputting iSTAT information. Power restoration continues to progress in both Houston and Nacogdoches County.

**Houston County:** Houston County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 22. Houston County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 25. Houston County submitted an updated Disaster Summary Outline on March 25.

The Houston County EOC is activated. Approximately 15 homes were destroyed, 22 sustained major damage, 17 minimum damage, and 13 were affected by the severe weather. [iSTAT – 96 Submitted](#)

**Nacogdoches County:** Nacogdoches County submitted a Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Declaration on March 22. Nacogdoches County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 24. Nacogdoches County submitted an updated Disaster Summary Outline on March 25. Nacogdoches County EOC is activated at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

The Nacogdoches EOC is activated. Approximately 22 homes were destroyed, 55 sustained major damage, 34 minimum damage, and 24 were affected by the severe weather. [iSTAT – 145 Submitted](#)

**DDC 16 – Rosenberg** (Includes: Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda, and Wharton Counties):

DDC 16D activated to Readiness Level III (increased readiness). There are reported damages to structures and utility poles in Wharton County, and some damages to mobile homes in Fort Bend County.

### **Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)**

**DDC 3 – Wichita Falls** (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties)

**Jack County:** Tornado debris field in Jacksboro approximately 10-15 miles long, 1/2 mile wide from Barton Chapel Rd to Hwy 59. TPWD in Jack County responded to Jacksboro to assist with search and rescue efforts. Tornado damaged schools in Jacksboro the students were taking shelter within the structure itself. Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC) Disaster Relief (DR) still providing meals, shelter, showers, and laundry services for first responders, relief workers, and displaced families. [iSTAT – 264 Submitted](#)

Jack County submitted a Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Declaration on March 22.

**Montague County:** Tornado touched down near the City of Bowie. City of Bowie Submitted Disaster Declaration on March 21. [iSTAT – 75 Submitted](#)

### **Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)**

**DDC 12 – Austin** (Includes: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties)

**Bastrop County:** Bastrop County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 22. Bastrop County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 24. Damage assessments are ongoing, [iSTAT – 122 Submitted](#). Bastrop County submitted an updated Disaster Summary Outline on March 25.

**Caldwell County:** Tornado touched down near the City of Luling.

**Travis County:**

City of Elgin: Reports of a tornado touch down in Elgin. [iSTAT – 36 Submitted](#)

Damage assessments are ongoing in the City of Elgin. There are nine power poles and 1,000 feet of line down, along with numerous trees down. Approximately 65 homes were damaged by the tornado in upper Elgin.

**Williamson County:** Williamson County submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 21. Williamson County submitted an updated Disaster Summary Outline on March 26. [iSTAT – 421 Submitted](#)

City of Granger: Tornado touched down near Granger.

City of Round Rock: Tornado touched down in the city. Reports of an overturned semi-truck and trees uprooted after tornado touched down in Round Rock. Reports of businesses damaged within the Round Rock city limits. A woman was rescued from a collapsed structure in Round Rock. Numerous homes reported to have been damaged. The City of Round Rock submitted a Disaster Declaration on March 22 and a Disaster Summary Outline on March 23.

City of Jarrell: The City of Jarrell submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on March 23.

City of Taylor: The City of Taylor issued a Disaster Summary Outline on March 22.

**DDC 18 – San Antonio** (Includes: Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, and Medina Counties)

**Guadalupe County:** Tornado touched down near the City of Kingsbury.

Guadalupe County submitted a Letter to the Governor and a Disaster Declaration on March 22. Guadalupe County submitted an updated Disaster Summary Outline on March 25. [iSTAT – 5 Submitted](#)

**DDC 23 – Killeen** (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

**Bell County:** Tornado touched down on Ft. Hood. Ft. Hood reported their weather radar was potentially damaged.

**Milam County:** Tornado touched down near the City of Rockdale. [iSTAT – 1 Submitted](#)

## **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

**Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Texas A&M University System (TAMUS):** Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations. TDEM has conducted two statewide recovery coordination calls with local officials from impacted jurisdictions, with a third call scheduled for 1:00 PM, Friday, March 25.

**TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG):** The CCG is working with their public, private, vendor and volunteer partners to respond to possible communications outages caused by the severe weather event. The tornado that went through the city of Jacksboro impacted the cellular network supporting Jacksboro, resulting in a degraded network. The various cellular providers responded by deploying equipment and personnel. AT&T FirstNet deployed two SAT COLTs and associated personnel. Verizon deployed technicians and support equipment. The Commission on State Emergency Communication (CSEC) is confirming possible impacts to PSAP 9-1-1 service in Jack County.

**TDEM Mass Care:** All current ARC sheltering activities are pending coordination and confirmation, and a midnight shelter count will be provided on March 24 at 7:00 AM. ARC will utilize local vendors, shelf stable meals, snacks and water in ARC managed shelters. ARC has a Multi-Agency Resource Center in Round Rock, with another under consideration in Houston County, and is providing recovery planning and assistance to those residents impacted by the severe weather on March 22 beginning on March 24. ARC will also work with feeding partners to support shelter operations. ARC teams are moving into impacted areas to provide information to clients on where to find community services and donations. ARC is coordinating with local, state, and federal emergency management partners on planning assumptions and response activities. Red Cross had one fixed feeding site and four vehicles providing mobile feeding, with 694 total meals and 966 total snacks



served. Red Cross served 214 total DES households and distributed 32 total clean up kits, 48 total comfort kits and 368 total other DES items. The ARC has been monitoring the various counties within the state for any asks or needs. ARC assessed 951 homes. There are 152 homes destroyed, 181 homes with major damage, 299 homes with minor damage, and 305 homes affected.

**Shelters:**

| Facility Name               | Location  | Status | Population |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|------------|
| Twin Lakes Community Center | Jacksboro | Open   | 3          |

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife):** PDAs were completed, and all personnel were demobilized to return home.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) / Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT):** Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) / Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT) had two persons onsite in Cushing, TX from March 23 to March 25 to assist with multiple water leaks and provide assistance in determining what is needed to stop the leaks. A local contractor donated the use of his excavator and his time to remove debris from leak areas and expose the leaks for repair. The Cushing public works director informed the TX-PWRT advance team at 9:30 AM on March 25 that they could complete the repairs on their own and no further assistance was needed. The TX-PWRT advance team demobilized.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** Chain saw crews deployed to assist with recovery efforts. Residential assessment has been completed and turned over to the Upshur County EMC. We will also be working to get a map for the assessed area.

**Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC):** The PUC was activated to the SOC effective 8:00 AM on Monday, March 21. The PUC has been tracking approximately 52,000 outages throughout the state, primarily in Central and East Texas. Local outages caused by severe weather have lessened as restoration crews work to effect repairs, while new outages are created in the Easterly path of the storms.

**Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC):** The RRC is monitoring temporary natural gas service interruptions affecting the City of Carbon, City of Gorman, the City of Lipan, the City of Jacksboro, and the City of Round Rock. The natural gas service provider for the City of Gorman has restored service to nearly all customers. Natural gas service restoration efforts have begun for the City of Lipan. After

assessing tornado damage, the natural gas service provider for the City of Jacksboro isolated service lines expected to be leaking and turned off meters serving damaged structures. The area provider is still conducting area assessments and leak detection. The natural gas service provider for the City of Round Rock is planning to deploy advanced natural gas leak detection technicians to the area. The area provider is still conducting area assessments and leak detection. The RRC will continue to work with the service providers and state and local partners until service is fully restored to these areas.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ has staff available to assist local governments with any air/water/waste related issues including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities. Also, TCEQ has staff available to provide technical assistance and guidance regarding temporary debris management sites. [Four Public Drinking Water systems have issued a Boil Water Notice. These systems serve 8,940 people.](#)

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** The remote State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) activated to support severe weather operations beginning at 8:00 AM March 18th. EMTF resources were deployed to assist in transport.

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** HHSC began staffing the SOC in support of emergency weather response operations on March 21. HHSC staff will remain in the SOC for the duration of the incident. Long-term Care Regulation had multiple facilities impacted. For certified facilities, there was one facility evacuated, one facility with a power outage which required generator power, and one facility with minor leaking which required that some residents move to a different part of the facility. There were also two assisted living facilities impacted. One is pending evacuation, and another has minor damage but required no evacuations. Childcare Regulation reports that up to four facilities have been damaged with one facility reporting that it has relocated due to damage. State Hospitals and State Supported Living Centers report no major impacts at this time. The Texas Information and Referral Network (TIRN) 2-1-1 is distributing information about disaster assistance as needed. Emergency ice, water, and contracts have been activated. Staff are working to fulfill two STARs for ice and water for Madison County.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** Affected THP Disaster District Chairs are communicating with applicable state and local officials as needed. DPS troopers and other agency personnel are providing support to applicable affected areas as requested. The DPS Aircraft Operations Division provided an aircraft and crew to

conduct an aerial assessment of tornadic damage in Grayson County. DPS troopers from Region 7 (Capitol District) assisting with damage assessments in Elgin. Additionally, DPS troopers from Region 6 (Austin) assisting with damage assessments, road conditions, and down power lines in Williamson County, and DPS troopers from Region 1 (Sherman) assisting with damage assessments in Grayson and Cooke Counties. THP Chief's Office providing personnel at the SOC in support of increased readiness level for severe weather.

### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

| Agency             | Resource Kind and Type  | Personnel | Equip | Status      | Location        |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------|-----------------|
| Texas A&M AgriLife | SOC Liaison             | 1         |       | Released    | R-SOC           |
| Texas A&M AgriLife | AgriLife Administration | 3         |       | Demobilized | College Station |
| Texas A&M AgriLife | County Extension Agents | 2         |       | Demobilized | Jacksboro       |
| Texas A&M Agrilife | DAR Agents              | 7         | 7     | Released    | Madisonville    |
| TEEX TX-PWRT       | SOC Support             | 1         | 1     | Released    | R-SOC           |
| TCEQ               | Staff                   | 2         |       | Activated   | R-SOC           |
| PUC                | Liaison                 | 1         |       | Released    | R-SOC           |
| RRC                | Liaison                 | 2         |       | Released    | R-SOC           |
| TXDPS              | SOC LNO                 | 1         |       | Released    | R-SOC           |
| TXDPS              | Helicopter              | 2         | 1     | Demobilized | Dallas          |
| TxDOT              | Liaison                 | 1         |       | Released    | R-SOC           |

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 and Wildfire Outbreak response and recovery operations. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

### The four levels of SOC activation are:

|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Level I   | (Emergency Conditions)           |
| Level II  | (Escalated Response Conditions)  |
| Level III | (Increased Readiness Conditions) |
| Level IV  | (Normal Conditions)              |

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